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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

GUSTAVUS MITCHELL, individually and on :  
behalf of all others similarly situated, :

Plaintiffs, :

Case No. 2:17-cv-01521-RFB-PAL

vs. :

LRE OF NEVADA, LLC d/b/a RIGHTSIZE :  
FUNDING; and HLS OF NEVADA, LLC :  
d/b/a NEVADA WEST FINANCIAL, :

**STIPULATED  
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Defendants. :

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between Plaintiff GUSTAVUS MITCHELL  
("Plaintiff"), and Defendants LRE OF NEVADA, LLC d/b/a RIGHTSIZE FUNDING; and HLS  
OF NEVADA, LLC d/b/a NEVADA WEST FINANCIAL., (collectively the "Parties"), by and  
through their counsel of record, as follows:

1 WHEREAS, documents and information have been and may be sought, produced or  
2 exhibited by and among the parties to this action relating to trade secrets, confidential research,  
3 development, technology or other proprietary information belonging to the defendants and/or  
4 personal income, credit and other confidential information of Plaintiff.

5 THEREFORE, an Order of this Court protecting such confidential information shall be  
6 and hereby is made by this Court on the following terms:

7 1. This Order shall govern the use, handling and disclosure of all documents,  
8 testimony or information produced or given in this action which are designated to be subject to  
9 this Order in accordance with the terms hereof.

10 2. Any party or non-party producing or filing documents or other materials in this  
11 action may designate such materials and the information contained therein subject to this Order  
12 by typing or stamping on the front of the document, or on the portion(s) of the document for  
13 which confidential treatment is designated, "Confidential."

14 3. To the extent any motions, briefs, pleadings, deposition transcripts, or other  
15 papers to be filed with the Court incorporate documents or information subject to this Order, the  
16 party filing such papers shall designate such materials, or portions thereof, as "Confidential," and  
17 shall file them with the clerk under seal; provided, however, that a copy of such filing having the  
18 confidential information deleted therefrom may be made part of the public record. Any party  
19 filing any document under seal must comply with the requirements of Local Rules.

20 4. All documents, transcripts, or other materials subject to this Order, and all  
21 information derived therefrom (including, but not limited to, all testimony, deposition, or  
22 otherwise, that refers, reflects or otherwise discusses any information designated Confidential  
23 hereunder), shall not be used, directly or indirectly, by any person, including Plaintiff and  
24 Defendant for any business, commercial or competitive purposes or for any purpose whatsoever  
25 other than solely for the preparation and trial of this action in accordance with the provisions of  
26 this Order.  
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1           5.       Except with the prior written consent of the individual or entity designating a  
2 document or portions of a document as “Confidential,” or pursuant to prior Order after notice,  
3 any document, transcript or pleading given “Confidential” treatment under this Order, and any  
4 information contained in, or derived from any such materials (including but not limited to, all  
5 deposition testimony that refers, reflects or otherwise discusses any information designated  
6 confidential hereunder) may not be disclosed other than in accordance with this Order and may  
7 not be disclosed to any person other than: (a) the Court and its officers; (b) parties to this  
8 litigation; (c) counsel for the parties, whether retained counsel or in-house counsel and  
9 employees of counsel assigned to assist such counsel in the preparation of this litigation; (d) fact  
10 witnesses subject to a proffer to the Court or a stipulation of the parties that such witnesses need  
11 to know such information; (e) present or former employees of the producing party in connection  
12 with their depositions in this action (provided that no former employees shall be shown  
13 documents prepared after the date of his or her departure; and (f) experts specifically retained as  
14 consultants or expert witnesses in connection with this litigation.

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16           6.       Third parties who are the subject of discovery requests, subpoenas or  
17 depositions in this case may take advantage of the provisions of this Protective Order by  
18 providing the parties with written notice that they intend to comply with and be bound by the  
19 terms of this Protective Order.

20           7.       Documents produced pursuant to this Order shall not be made available to any  
21 person designated in Subparagraph 5(f) unless he or she shall have first read this Order, agreed to  
22 be bound by its terms, and signed the attached Declaration of Compliance.

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24           8.       All persons receiving any or all documents produced pursuant to this Order shall  
25 be advised of their confidential nature. All persons to whom confidential information and/or  
26 documents are disclosed are hereby enjoined from disclosing same to any person except as  
27 provided herein, and are further enjoined from using same except in the preparation for and trial  
28 of the above-captioned action between the named parties thereto. No person receiving or

1 reviewing such confidential documents, information or transcript shall disseminate or disclose  
2 them to any person other than those described above in Paragraph 5 and for the purposes  
3 specified, and in no event, shall such person make any other use of such document or transcript.

4 9. Nothing in this Order shall prevent a party from using at trial any information or  
5 materials designated "Confidential."

6 10. This Order has been agreed to by the parties to facilitate discovery and the  
7 production of relevant evidence in this action. Neither the entry of this Order, nor the  
8 designation of any information, document, or the like as "Confidential," nor the failure to make  
9 such designation, shall constitute evidence with respect to any issue in this action.

10 11. Within sixty (60) days after the final termination of this litigation, all documents,  
11 transcripts, or other materials afforded confidential treatment pursuant to this Order, including  
12 any extracts, summaries or compilations taken therefrom, but excluding any materials which in  
13 the good faith judgment of counsel are work product materials, shall be returned to the Producing  
14 Party.

15 12. In the event that any party to this litigation disagrees at any point in these  
16 proceedings with any designation made under this Protective Order, the parties shall first try to  
17 resolve such dispute in good faith on an informal basis. If the dispute cannot be resolved, the  
18 party objecting to the designation may seek appropriate relief from this Court. During the  
19 pendency of any challenge to the designation of a document or information, the designated  
20 document or information shall continue to be treated as "Confidential" subject to the provisions  
21 of this Protective Order.

22 13. Inadvertent failure to designate any document, transcript, or other materials  
23 "Confidential" will not constitute a waiver of an otherwise valid claim of confidentiality  
24 pursuant to this Order, so long as a claim of confidentiality is asserted within three (3) judicial  
25 days after discovery of the inadvertent failure. If a party designates a document as "Confidential"  
26 after it was initially produced, the receiving party, on notification of the designation, must make  
27 a reasonable effort to assure that the document is treated in accordance with the provisions of this  
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Order, and upon request from the producing party certify that the designated documents have been maintained as confidential information.

14. Nothing herein shall affect or restrict the rights of any party with respect to its own documents or to the information obtained or developed independently of documents, transcripts and materials afforded confidential treatment pursuant to this Order.

15. The Court retains the right to allow disclosure of any subject covered by this stipulation or to modify this stipulation at any time in the interest of justice.

**IT IS SO STIPULATED.**

Dated: December 29, 2017

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**ORDER**

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: January 4, 2018

  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

**EXHIBIT A**  
**DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare as follows:

1. My address is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. My present employer is \_\_\_\_\_.

3. My present occupation or job description is \_\_\_\_\_.

4 I have received a copy of the Stipulated Protective Order entered in this action on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

5. I have carefully read and understand the provisions of this Stipulated Protective Order.

6. I will comply with all provisions of this Stipulated Protective Order.

7. I will hold in confidence, and will not disclose to anyone not qualified under the Stipulated Protective Order, any information, documents or other materials produced subject to this Stipulated Protective Order.

8. I will use such information, documents or other materials produced subject to this Stipulated Protective Order only for purposes of this present action.

9. Upon termination of this action, or upon request, I will return and deliver all information, documents or other materials produced subject to this Stipulated Protective Order, and all documents or things which I have prepared relating to the information, documents or other materials that are subject to the Stipulated Protective Order, to my counsel in this action, or to counsel for the party by whom I am employed or retained or from whom I received the documents.

10. I hereby submit to the jurisdiction of this Court for the purposes of enforcing the Stipulated Protective Order in this action.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the following is true and correct.

Executed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017 at \_\_\_\_\_.

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QUALIFIED PERSON